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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management its report on the regional and thematic activities and achievements of the six entities referred to below. The report is available only in the language of submission from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and express its views on the operation and achievements of the regional entities.

Summary of the report

The report provides information on the regional and thematic activities and achievements of the following six entities: the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific; the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas; the Committee on Development Information, Science and Technology of the Economic Commission for Africa; the Preparatory Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information for Europe; the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Arab States; and the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies.

The reports of the regional and thematic entities describe their activities and achievements since the third session of the Committee of Experts, held in July 2013. The reports also provide an overview of their work in the following areas: (a) contribution to United Nations activities on global geospatial information management; (b) legal and policy issues; (c) administrative arrangements; (d) capacity

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development; (e) publicity and outreach; (f) partnerships; (g) regional and international collaboration; (h) technical issues; (i) priority issues and challenges; and (j) future plans. In its report, the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies invites the Committee to endorse and participate in activities recognizing International Map Year, 2015-2016. In its report, the Preparatory Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information for Europe invites the Committee of Experts to endorse the formal establishment of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Europe.